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SUBJECT: MEXICO REQUESTS USG SUPPORT FOR CANDIDACY TO THE
UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM

¶1. Mexico's Foreign Secretariat (SRE), per diplomatic note 004455 dated August 26, 2009, announced its decision to seek reelection to the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Program for the 2012-2015 term in elections to be held during the 66th UN General Assembly in 2011. Mexico seeks U.S. support for its candidacy.

¶2. In the document attached to the note, Mexico provides information on its history with the Environment Program and details its priorities for the 2012-2015 term. Mexico has been a member of the Governing Council since 1973 and its top priority if reelected to the Governing Board will be to "promote the development and adoption of policies that strengthen environmental protection with an emphasis on international cooperation."

¶3. Action Request: Embassy requests Department guidance on responding to Mexico's appeal for support.
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